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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus and method for managing keystores is implemented. A distributed keystore is established by aggregating individual. The distributed keystore may, be organized in a multi-level structure, which may be associated with an organizational structure of an enterprise, or other predetermined partitioning. Additionally, a centralized management of certificates may be provided, whereby the expiration or revocation of the certificates may be tracked, and expired or revoked certificates may be refreshed. The keystore may be updated in response to one or more update events.

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